

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A method of interfacing to a user, the method comprising:
 - using a data connection to receive a plurality of descriptions of audio contents;
 - receiving from the user a selection of a first description from among the plurality of descriptions; and
 - automatically placing a voice call to play a first audio content described by the first description in response to the selection; and
 - returning to using the data connection to receive the descriptions of audio content in response to completion of the voice call.
2. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 wherein each audio content in the plurality is associated with a telephone number, the method further includes:
 - using the data connection to receive a telephone number, and dialing the telephone number during the placing of voice call.
3. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 wherein the telephone number is hereinafter "first telephone number", the method further comprising, after termination of said voice call:
 - receiving a plurality of additional descriptions of additional audio contents; and
 - placing another voice call to a second telephone number, wherein said second telephone number is different from said first telephone number.
4. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 further comprising, after termination of said voice call:
 - receiving a plurality of additional descriptions of additional audio contents; and
 - placing another voice call to said telephone number to play an additional audio content.

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5. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 4 further comprising:
dynamically assigning a different one of a plurality of predetermined phone numbers
to each of a plurality of descriptions to be displayed as a group to the user for
selection therein.
6. (Original): The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
using the selection of first description identified by the data connection to play the
audio content during the voice call.
7. (Original): The method of Claim 1 wherein:
each of the data connection and the voice call are respectively formed with a first logic
and a second logic; and
the method includes the first logic providing information about the user to the second
logic.
8. (Original): The method of Claim 7 wherein:
the information being provided includes an identifier of an audio content currently
described to the user.
9. (Original): The method of Claim 8 further comprising:
receiving a plurality of calls from a corresponding plurality of users; and
matching the audio content to be played with a call, based on an identifier obtained
from a wireless handset of the user.
10. (Original): The method of Claim 7 further comprising:
retrieving each of the audio contents from the Internet.
11. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
visually displaying the descriptions on a monitor of a wireless handset.

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12. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 11 further comprising, prior to said using: using the data connection to receive a plurality of categories; visually displaying the categories on the monitor; and requesting said plurality of descriptions in response to selection of a category in said plurality of categories; wherein said plurality of descriptions are all classified under said category.

13. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 11 wherein: the selected category is news; each description is a news headline; and each of the audio contents is a news report that provides details related to said news headline.

14. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 11 further comprising: using the data connection to receive a plurality of additional categories; visually displaying the additional categories on the monitor; and requesting said plurality of categories in response to selection of an additional category.

15. (Original): The method of Claim 1 further comprising: terminating the voice call on completion of playing of the first audio content.

16. (Original): The method of Claim 1 wherein: the data connection is suspended during the voice call.

17. (Original): The method of Claim 1 wherein: each description is different in content from another description.

18. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 wherein:

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during the act of visually displaying, telephone numbers corresponding to the descriptions are not displayed.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
displaying a telephone number to be used in the voice call in response to the selection;
and
performing said placing of voice call only after receiving a response from the user to
dial the phone number being displayed.

21. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 20 wherein:
said receiving a response is one of: detecting pressing of a button, detecting touching
of a monitor, and detecting a voice command.

22. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
using the data connection to receive a plurality of phone numbers for a
corresponding plurality of descriptions.

23. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 22 wherein:
said phone numbers and said descriptions are received as portions of a single message.

24. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 22 wherein:
said descriptions are received in a first message; and
said phone numbers are received in a second message.

25. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
transmitting the selection over the data connection; and
receiving from the data connection a telephone number to be used during said placing
of voice call.

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26. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 wherein:
each of said acts of using data connection and placing voice call includes using a
wireless medium.

27. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 1 wherein:
said voice call is not a Voice Over IP call.

28. (Currently amended): A method of interfacing to a user, the method
comprising:
using a data connection to receive a description of an audio content;
receiving from the user a command to play the audio content; and
automatically placing a voice call to play the audio content in response to the
command; and
returning to using the data connection to receive at least one of the group of: the
description of the audio content and a description of another audio content, in
response to completion of the voice call.

29. (Original): The method of Claim 28 further comprising:
each of the data connection and the voice call are respectively formed with a first logic
and a second logic; and
the method includes the first logic providing information about the user to the second
logic.

30. (Original): The method of Claim 29 wherein:
the information being provided includes an identifier of an audio content currently
described to the user.

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31. (Cancelled): A handheld device comprising:
a keypad;
a monitor;
a memory encoded with a plurality of descriptions of audio contents and at least one
telephone number related to playing of at least one of said audio contents;
a microprocessor coupled to the memory, the keypad, and to the monitor;
a transceiver coupled to the microprocessor; and
a speaker coupled to the transceiver.
32. (Cancelled): The handheld device of Claim 31 wherein:
the memory holds a plurality of telephone numbers including said telephone number,
each telephone number corresponding to a description.
33. (Cancelled): The handheld device of Claim 31 wherein:
the microprocessor retrieves from memory the telephone number and passes said
telephone number to the transceiver for set up of a voice call in response to a
signal from said keypad.
34. (Cancelled): The handheld device of Claim 33 wherein:
said transceiver plays said at least one audio content on said speaker in response to
setup of said voice call.
35. (Cancelled): The handheld device of Claim 31 wherein:
each description in said plurality identifies a headline of a news story.
36. (Cancelled): The handheld device of Claim 31 further comprising:
an antenna;
wherein the transceiver includes wireless circuitry coupled to the antenna.

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37. (Cancelled): A system comprising:
a plurality of storage elements including a first group of said storage elements holding a plurality of descriptions of a corresponding plurality of audio contents and a second group of said storage elements holding said audio contents;
a first logic coupled to said first group of storage elements to receive therefrom a group of said descriptions, said first logic being coupled to a data communication network to provide thereto said group of descriptions; and
a second logic coupled to said second group of storage elements to receive therefrom an audio content, said second logic being coupled to a telephony network to provide thereto said audio content, said second logic being further coupled to said first logic to receive therefrom an identification of said audio content;
wherein said audio content is one of a plurality of audio contents described in said group of descriptions.

38. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 37 wherein:
said first logic includes a modem or a router; and
said second logic includes a telephone call processing circuit.

39. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 37 wherein:
the plurality includes a third group of storage elements holding a database that relates a cell phone number of a user to a subscriber ID of a cell phone possessed by the user.

40. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 37 further comprising:
a handheld device having a monitor capable of displaying said group of descriptions, the handheld device further having a speaker and a transceiver capable of playing said audio content on the speaker;
wherein the handheld device receives said group of descriptions from said first logic over a data connection, identifies a description in said group that describes said audio content to said first logic over said data connection, and receives said audio content from said second logic over a voice call.

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41. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 40 wherein:
the transceiver includes wireless circuitry.

42. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 40 wherein:
the handheld device has the form factor of a cell phone.

43. (Previously presented): A method of interfacing to a user, the method comprising:
using a data connection to receive a number of descriptions of audio content;
displaying the descriptions to the user;
receiving from the user a command to play one of the audio contents described by the descriptions;
placing a voice call in response to the command;
playing said audio content to the user during the voice call; and
returning to using the data connection to receive the descriptions of audio content in response to completion of the voice call.

44. (Original): The method of Claim 43 further comprising:
using an available telephone number to generate an instruction for said placing of voice call.

45. (Original): The method of Claim 44 further comprising:
forming an association between said telephone number and said audio content; and
using said association on receipt of said voice call at said telephone number in identifying said audio content for said playing.

46. (Original): The method of Claim 44 further comprising:
identifying the user on receipt of said voice call; and
using identity of the user on receipt of said voice call to identify said audio content for said playing.

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47. (Original): The method of Claim 43 further comprising:
displaying to the user a plurality of categories of audio contents; and
receiving from the user a selection of a category prior to said using of data connection.

48. (Original): The method of Claim 47 wherein:
at least one of said categories relates to news; and
each description in said plurality identifies a news service.

49. (Original): The method of Claim 47 further comprising:
displaying to the user a plurality of subcategories of audio contents; and
receiving from the user a selection of a subcategory prior to said using of data
connection;
wherein each subcategory relates to a news service and each description relates to a
headline of a news story.

50. (Original): A computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions
to perform the method of Claim 43.

51. (Original): A signal encoded in a carrier medium and including instructions
to perform the method of Claim 43.

52. (Cancelled): A method of interfacing to a user, the method comprising:
a first computer using a data connection to transmit a plurality of categories of audio
content;
a handheld device visually displaying the categories to the user;
the handheld device receiving from the user a selection of a first category from said
plurality of categories;
the first computer using said data connection to transmit a number of descriptions of
audio content in said first category;
the handheld device visually displaying the descriptions to the user;

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the handheld device receiving from the user a command to play one of the audio contents described by the descriptions;
the handheld device placing a voice call in response to the command;
a second computer playing said audio content during the voice call; and
the handheld device using the data connection in response to completion of the voice call.

53. (Cancelled): The method of Claim 52 further comprising:
the handheld device repeating the act of visually displaying said descriptions to the user after completion of the voice call.

54. (Cancelled): The method of Claim 52 further comprising:
the second computer identifying the user on receipt of said voice call.

55. (Cancelled): A system comprising:
means for placing a telephone call over a wireless network and for visually displaying data;
means for supplying descriptions of audio selections as data to the means for placing; and
means for playing an audio selection to the means for placing.

56. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 55 wherein:
the means for playing and the means for supplying are implemented in a single computer.

57. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 55 wherein:
the means for playing is implemented in a first computer;
the means for supplying is implemented in a second computer; and
the first computer is coupled to the second computer to exchange information that correlates a description to an audio selection.

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58. (Cancelled): The system of Claim 55 wherein:
the means for placing receives the data through a wireless data connection to the
means for supplying; and
the means for placing receives the audio selection through a voice call to the means for
playing.

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